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SUBJ: MARKET SURVEY FOR U.S. ANIMAL FATS AND PROTEINS

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1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO TEAM VISIT. REFTEL MADE NO MENTION OF HOTEL RESERVATIONS BUT WE WILL TRY SECURE ROOMS. MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAS BECOME MAJOR PROBLEM FOR EMBASSY LATELY. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, WE HAVE CROWDED HOTEL SITUATION AS IS CASE WITH ALL OTHER GULF POSTS. APPROX. FOUR OUT OF TEN VISITORS HERE DO NOT RPT NOT KEEP TO THEIR ORIGINAL SCHEDULES FORCING US TO RESERVE, CANCEL AND THEN RESERVE ROOMS AGAIN. CURRENTLY TWO LOCAL HOTELS BILLING US FOR APPROX. \$250 FOR RESERVATIONS MADE FOR GROUPS WHICH DID NOT RPT NOT ARRIVE. IF SUBJECT GROUP HAS ANY INDICATION IT CANNOT COME TO KUWAIT, REQUEST WE BE INFORMED SOONEST.

2. MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH ALL OBJECTIVES LISTED IN REFTEL. STORES ARE OPEN ON FRIDAY BUT LOCAL WORKING HOURS, 8 TO 1 AND 4:30 TO 7 FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND 8 TO 1 FOR GOVERNMENT TENDS TO LIMIT VISITORS TO TWO OR THREE APPOINTMENTS PER DAY. LOCAL WEEKEND BEGINS APPROX. NOON ON THURSDAYS AND EXTENDS THROUGH FRIDAY. GROUP MAY WISH TO SPLIT UP HERE TO COVER MORE GROUND.

3. KUWAIT IS ALREADY TRANSHIPMENT POINT FOR CONSIDERABLE
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AMOUNT OF IRAQI GOODS BUT KUWAITIS EAGER TO PROTECT THEIR

GOOD (BY COMPARISON TO OTHER GULF CITIES) PORT
SITUATION AND THEY WILL TAKE ACTION IF THEIR PORT BECOMES
CLOGGED WITH GOODS BOUND ELSEWHERE.

4. ANY DISCUSSION ON JOINT VENTURE MANUFACTURING SHOULD
INCLUDE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF INDUSTRIAL BANK OF
KUWAIT WHICH IS PRINCIPAL PROMOTER OF NEW INDUSTRY HERE.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE TEAM CAN MEET WITH DAN SHEPPARD (USDA/FAS)
WHO DEPARTING APRIL 23 FOLLOWING FOOD SHOW HERE.

6. ASSISTANCE WHICH EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION CA
GIVE STUDY TEAM WILL BE LIMITED. WE HAVE FOOD SHOW APRIL
12 THROUGH 15, SOUTH CAROLINA IOGA BEGINNING APRIL 28, AND
SECOND IOGA IN MID-MAY. OUR VISITORS SCHEDULE EXTREMELY
HEAVY.

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